

Year 7 Trip to Hampton Court

On Monday 2nd July, in blazing sunshine, over 100 Year 7 students visited Hampton Court. Despite it being the first day of the flower show, we arrived in good time and the students were soon exploring the luxurious rooms of Henry VIII and the lavish apartments of William I. They were particularly impressed with the room of weapons which displayed thousands of swords, pikes and muskets in decorative designs. They were also rather surprised to see that William I had special staff to make him hot chocolate in a particular room in the house. The kitchens attracted a lot of interest too as students explored the wonderful range of foods that would be prepared for a Tudor banquet. Each group was lucky enough to have a special interactive session with a dressed-up character who used drama and wonderful stories to help students to understand the place that Hampton Court played in British history during the 16th and 17th centuries. The lovely weather also helped them to really enjoy the amazing grounds next to the Thames where they were able to explore the formal gardens and marvel at the world's biggest grape vine. Everybody had a great day out and all of the students were impeccably behaved.